In the Claims:

Claims 39-44, 50, 56, 93, 102, 104, 110, and 111 have been rewritten as follows:

- 39. **(Once Amended)** An isolated protein, comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 40. **(Once Amended)** The protein of claim 39, comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 41. **(Once Amended)** The protein of claim 40, comprising the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 42. **(Once Amended)** The protein of claim 39, comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 43. **(Once Amended)** The protein of claim 42, comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 44. **(Once Amended)** The protein of claim 43, comprising the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 50. (Once Amended) An isolated protein comprising, except for one to five conservative amino acid substitutions, an amino acid sequence identical to the mature

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amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.

- 56. (Once Amended) An isolated protein comprising, except for one to five conservative amino acid substitutions, an amino acid sequence identical to the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 93. **(Once Amended)** An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to a fragment of the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.
- 102. (**Once Amended**) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid encoded by the polynucleotide which hybridizes to a nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO:2, or the complement thereof; or a nucleic acid encoded by contained in the cDNA in ATCC American Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825, or the complement thereof, under conditions comprising:
 - incubating overnight at 42°C in a solution consisting of 50% formamide,
 5X SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20μg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA; and
 - (b) washing at 65°C in a solution consisting of 0.1x SSC.
- 104. (**Once Amended**) The protein of claim 102, wherein said polynucleotide hybridizes to a nucleic acid encoded bycontained in the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825, or the complement thereof, under said conditions.
- 110. **(Once Amended)** An isolated protein comprising 30 contiguous amino Application No.: 09/899,917 3 Docket No.: PF306D1

acids of the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in <u>ATCCAmerican</u>

Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.

111. (Once Amended) The protein of claim 110, comprising 50 contiguous amino acids of the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA in ATCCAmerican Type Culture Collection Deposit No. 97825.

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